

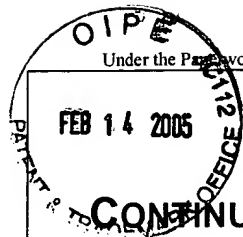
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## REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/489,394
Filing Date	JANUARY 21, 2000
First Named Inventor	VANESSA HSEI
Group Art Unit	1642
Examiner Name	HELMS, LARRY RONALD
Attorney Docket Number	39766-0092 A

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. s 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply (Preliminary Amendment (14 pages)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Postcard.

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees of \$1,240.00, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (Docket No. 39766-0099 A)
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$790.00)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (2 MONTH - \$450.00)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature		Date	FEBRUARY 14, 2005

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 27, 2004. With an extension of time of two months, which extension of time is hereby requested, this paper is timely filed.

Please consider the following remarks and amendments when examining the present application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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